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Opponent of HUAC Defended

Whitney Point

To the Editor:

On Jan. 4, you printed two letters concerning the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). One anonymous and one from N. Kovalchick. Mr. Kovalchick stated his feelings in favor of HUAC in a sane, reasonable manner which drew my respect; our unknown friend, however, was not nearly as sensible.

He referred to an anti-HUAC letter of a Mrs. Dewees and I feel I must come to her defense.

I am a Christian, a patriotic American and a dedicated opponent of HUAC. I do not oppose internal security. I believe the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB), the FBI and the CIA all contribute to the general strength of the U.S. and her people.

HUAC, on the other hand, detracts from our democratic strength with its undemocratic, sensationalistic methods. Some defend it saying although undemocratic, we must fight fire with fire.

But aren't these people also saying we must fight communism with communism? That we must fight tyranny with tyranny?

You can't defeat something by becoming more like it. We can fight fire with water but not with fire. Likewise, we can fight tyranny with freedom but not with more tyranny.

If HUAC did nothing but suggest and support House legislation, there might not have been any argument. The trouble is, it indiscriminately investigates any and all organizations who hold views any more liberal than those of the committee, which by the way is very conservative.

Due to the publicity, it manages to make every organization look Communist-inspired, regardless of the outcome of the investigation. For example, HUAC recently investigated the Women Strike for Peace. The Dec. 24 issue of Newsweek said "It was clear that the vast majority of members of WSP hadn't a tinge of communism."

Even HUAC's counsel made it clear to the movement's leader that they did not believe or have any legal proof that she was even con-

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ected with a Communist-front group.

As a final result, the committee proved absolutely nothing. And yet, due to poor publicity, many people are convinced that Women Strike for Peace was proved to be Communist-infiltrated.

The investigation, instead of proving legislation, left the untrue taint of communism on the 500,000 members of Women Strike for Peace.

It is because of this, and hundreds of other like cases that Mrs. Dewees, myself and thousands of other patriots, American freedom lovers, have asked for the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

We urge you to join us in our defense of the freedom to dissent.

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